

Draft of Proposed Invitation to a Conference on Motor Vehicle Production and Inventory in the Sino-Soviet Bloc, 10-11 December 1956

1. It is proposed that a Motor Vehicle Conference be held in Washington on 10-11 December under the Sponsorship of OSS/CIA. The proposed date of this conference has been selected to permit attendance by representatives of 25X1X7 [redacted] upon conclusion of the Land Armaments Conference (3-7 December) 25X1X7 [redacted]

It is proposed that the Department of the Army (ACSI) and the Department of the Air Force (AFCIN) be invited to send representatives to this conference. Special intelligence would be discussed and representatives must be cleared to that level.

2. Purpose of the Conference

a. To examine estimates of motor vehicle production and park of the Sino-Soviet Bloc for the postwar period (1946-55) and to evaluate production plans. It is proposed that the discussion of Soviet motor vehicle production deal with production by model, by plant, and by type of vehicle (truck, jeep, bus and passenger car) in physical unit and value terms. Concerning the East European Satellites it is proposed that the discussion deal with production by plant and by type of vehicle (truck, jeep, etc.) in physical unit terms.

b. To assess the state of our intelligence on the motor vehicle industries of the Sino-Soviet Bloc.

c. To allow the agencies, concerned with producing intelligence on the Sino-Soviet Bloc motor vehicle industries, to exchange views on research priorities.

3. It is proposed that the meetings be informal, oriented toward the exchange of information and that a summary of conference discussions be issued.

Agencies will not be asked to prepare formal papers for presentation at the meetings, but it is suggested that ACSI lead the discussion on the truck park, particularly the military truck park, 25X1X7 the discussion of the production of the European Satellites, and CIA the discussion of production and price estimates in the USSR and China.

4. A copy of the proposed agenda is attached and any changes or additions which agencies may wish to suggest will be welcomed.

Tentative Agenda for Motor Vehicle Conference to be held in Washington, 10-11 December

Dec 10:

- Item 1. Introductory remarks by CIA.
- Item 2. Discussion of sources and methods of estimating Soviet motor vehicle production, 1946-55 by model, plant and type of vehicle (truck, jeep, etc.).
- Item 3. Discussion of sources and methods for making estimates of prices of Soviet motor vehicles.
- Item 4. Discussion of the value of Soviet motor vehicle production, 1946-55, in 1952 and 1955 rubles.

Dec 11:

- Item 5. Soviet postwar motor vehicle park.
- Item 6. Probable developments in the Soviet motor vehicle industry in the Sixth Five-Year Plan (1956-60).
- Item 7. Method of estimating European Satellite motor vehicle production, 1946-55, by type of production (truck, passenger car and bus).
- Item 8. Truck parks of European Satellites and China, 1946-55.
- Item 9. Discussion of probable developments in the European Satellite motor vehicle industries in the period 1956-60.
- Item 10. A discussion of current research programs.
- Item 11. Concluding remarks.